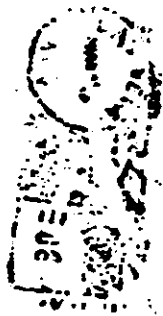


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Post Office  
Clark County  
R. 11

Dear Mr. [unclear]  
Please see that this will  
is delivered after my death [to]  
Clark County Court House  
Las Vegas Nevada  
Howard R. [unclear]



P.M.  
Edition No.  Carl O. J. L.  
Carmel, N.Y., N.Y.  
Wholesale *File*

# Last Will and Testament

I Howard R. Hughes being of sound and disposing mind and memory, not acting under duress, fraud or the undue influence of [any] person whomsoever and being a resident of [Las] Vegas Nevada, declare that this is to be my last Will and revoke all other Wills previously made by me -

After my death my estate is to be divided as follows -

First: one fourth of all my assets to go to Hughes Medical Institute of Miami -

Second: one eighth of assets to be divided among  
The University of Texas -  
Rice Institute of Technology of Houston -  
The University of Nevada  
and The University of Calif  
Howard R. Hughes

PAID BY ADDRESSEE  
Estate of Howard R. Hughes  
1950

third: one sixteenth to Church  
of Jesus Christ of Latter Day  
Saints — David O. Mackay

fourth: one sixteenth to estab-  
lish a home for Orphan  
Children —

Fifth: one sixteenth of assets  
to go to Boy Scouts  
of America —

sixth: one sixteenth to be  
divided among Jean Peters  
Los Angeles and Ella Rice  
of Houston —

seventh: one sixteenth of as-  
sets to William R. Linnis  
Houston, Texas —

eighth: one sixteenth to go  
to Evelyn Du Mar  
Gardner Nevada —



ninth; one sixteenth to be  
divided among my  
personal aids at the time  
of my death -

tenth; one sixteenth to be  
used as school scholarship  
fund for entire County

The Bruce goose is to be given  
to the city of Long Beach, Ca

The remainder of my  
estate is to be divided among  
the key men of the company  
I own at the time of my  
death.

I appoint Frank Dietrich  
as the executor of this will

signed the 19 day of  
March 1968

Howard R. Dietrich

Page Three

PROV. EXHIBIT No. 17  
Criminal Justice Dept.  
WITNESS

Writing Q8-Q11 does not drop under IR

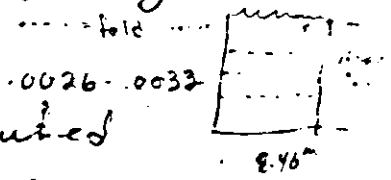
The cancellation on Q8 envelop. does drop under IR

Only few places fluoresce under UV on Q8-Q11 - EXCEPTION: lower half of back side of Q11 does fluoresce.

Q8 white envelope -  
9.45" x 4.12" x .0032-.0036  
no watermarks or indented writing of significance

Q9 sheet of yellow legal paper torn at top -  
stains (rou mt) right side - staining Agent runs from right side to left, ~~indicates~~ staining occurred while page folded to envelope size.

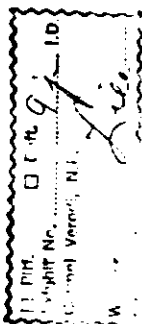
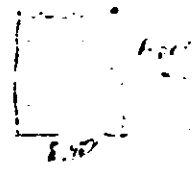
no watermarks or indented writing of significance



Q10 sheet of yellow legal size paper torn at top - - stained from right side does not necessarily appear to have been stained while folded.

no watermarks or indented writing of significance  
OVER

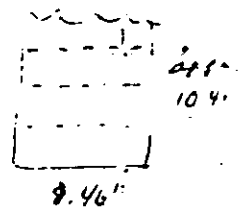
.0028-.0031



Q11

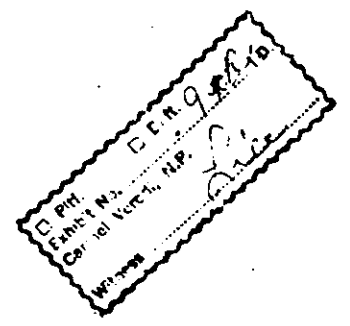
Sheet of yellow legal paper stained from right side - not necessarily when folded

.0031 - .0033



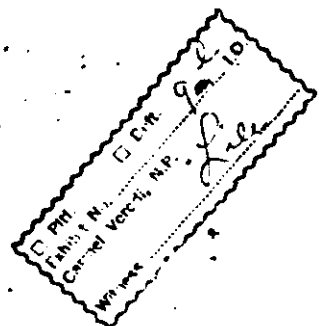
Bleeding of ink when ~~what~~ wet ~~to~~ stained backs of the three sheets - these three pages were folded together when stained

Some general bleeding of ink on Q8 but not heavy stains like Q9 - 11



\* Q - numerous breaks in words  
Clusker + Bill - numerous breaks  
1968 Ken may fewer breaks

- \* - P always rep<sup>h</sup>om precedin<sup>g</sup> - following  
" sep maj time in Clusker + Bill  
h.p. ~~always~~ always 2 stroke but sometimes  
k.p. connected to following letter
- P in K5 (1968) was const with date  
of the will. P is one stroke  
+ connected to preceding + following letter  
to (K10) 5/25/70 when 1<sup>st</sup> 2 stroke "P" appears.  
However, majority still one stroke  
+ connected. 5/25/70 make "p"s  
now 2 stroke, but still connected  
to following letters -
- Then progression to 1972 Clusker  
+ Bill letter where "p" are 2  
stroke - most disconnected to  
preceding + following letters - however few  
while 2 stroke are still connected  
to following letters.





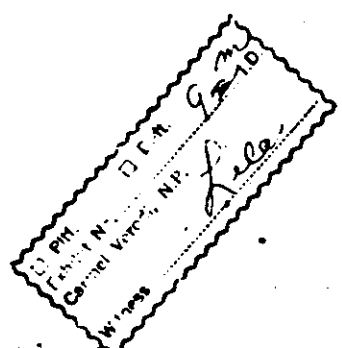
\* Q a <sup>↓</sup>ing <sup>↓</sup> always broken this way

- Chester + Bill - sometimes a <sup>↓</sup>ing <sup>↓</sup> but also sometimes joined ting

- 1968 court uses (K5) frequently connected aing or aing

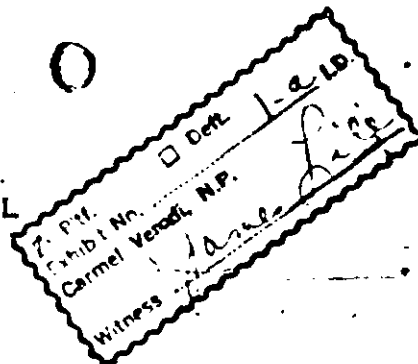
- 68-70 (K10) mixed sung + still connected much of the time  
5/2/69 ing mixed then after  
went a lot still all connected

tendency		
Q	m	Q B
K	m	K B





STATE OF NEVADA  
 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
 CAPITOL COMPLEX  
 SUPREME COURT BUILDING  
 CARSON CITY 89710



OBERT LIST  
 CRNEY GENERAL

December 8, 1976

Re: Purported Will of  
 Howard R. Hughes;  
 Melvin Dummar - Suspect;  
 Alleged Forgery  
 76-2141-91

Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D.C. 20535

Attention: F.B.I. Laboratory  
 Handwriting Analysis Division

re: Our file No. 205-357

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed copies of items as follows:

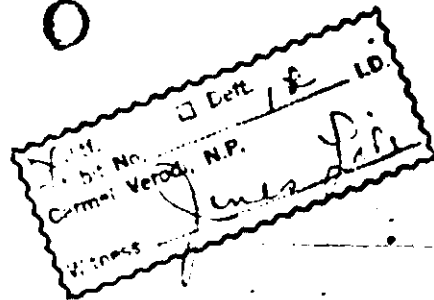
- Q A. Envelope addressed to President Spencer Kimball, and note.
- Q B-1. Note to McKay from Howard Hughes.
- Q B-2. Last will and testament, signed "Howard Hughes".
- Q C. Note to cocktail waitress, purportedly written by Howard Hughes.
- Q D. Howard Hughes' signature at end of "Chester Davis letter".
- Q E. Howard Hughes' signature on Sands, Inc., proxy certificate.
- Kc2 F. Melvin Dummar application for employment.
- Kc2 G. "House keys" note of Melvin Dummar.
- Kc3 H. Application to Rent agreement of [REDACTED] b7C
- Kc2 I. Voluntary statement dated January 15, 1976, of Melvin Dummar.
- Kc4 J. Handwritten letter to Del Webb Corporation by [REDACTED]

EXP. PROC. 25 DEC 19 1976

ASAC Kenneth LV, telecalled  
 12/15/76 by BRG. Adv. AG's office has  
 as own matter (702 + 021). Paper law on [unclear]

25 DEC 1976

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
December 8, 1976  
Page Two



Your fingerprint division is presently in possession of a hard-bound volume of LIFE MAGAZINE, January through March, 1971, Vol. 70, from Weber State College, which was submitted by this office for examination, and holds FBI file No. 95-211845, Latent case No. B-38604. The January 22, 1971, issue, pages 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, contains an article about Howard Hughes and illustrates some of his handwritten documents. It is believed that this magazine was used by Melvin Dummar to assist him in forging the will, a copy of which has been enclosed for your examination (Item B-2). Perhaps while this book is in your possession, you might be able to use it to assist you in your examination.

The questions we have concerning the documents submitted to you are:

Question, Item A:

Was the note written by the same person who addressed the envelope?

Was the note or the envelope written by Melvin Dummar, [redacted] or [redacted] b7C

Question, Items B-1 and B-2:

Was the note written by the same person who wrote the Last Will and Testament?

Are the signatures copied or forged?

Were the note and Last Will and Testament written by Melvin Dummar, [redacted] or Howard Hughes? b7C

Question, Items C, D and E:

Are these items written or signed by the same person (Howard Hughes)?

Note: It is hoped that the LIFE MAGAZINE in your possession may be of some assistance in making this analysis.

Please contact this office immediately if further handwriting samples are required to make these examinations.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
December 8, 1976  
Page Three

PTI.  Lett 10-10  
Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Carmel Verodi, N.P.  
Witness *James Lee*

We are most appreciative of your great assistance in this matter and the work that your office has already performed, and we assure you of our continued cooperation in any other matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

ROBERT LIST  
Attorney General

By *Bruce Greenhalgh*  
Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

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Duplicate letter 12/8/76 from Nevada Attorney General

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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LAB FILE  
12/14/76

Laboratory Work Sheet

Hon.  
Robert List, Esq.

To: Office of the Attorney General,  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;  
MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

LAB. NO. D-761214091 ~~DPAC~~ MS

YOUR NO. 205-357

Examination by:

3/4/77

D-761222051 MS

D-761230025 MS

D-770107041 MS

D-770111040 MS

D-770117001 MS

D-770117099 MS

D-770118050 MS

D-770121045 MS

D-770224029 MS

Examination requested by: Addressee  
Reference: Letter 12/8/76  
Examination requested: Document  
Specimens received: 12/14/76

(See attached sheets)

Enc (21, Q2  
K1 - K4, K8 + K12)

2-FBI, Las Vegas (UL-603)

- Qc1 Photocopy of Q1, previously submitted
- Qc2 Photocopy of Q2, previously submitted
- Qc3 Photocopy of handwritten note beginning "Dear Mr Mc Kay..."
- Qc4 Photocopies of a three page handwritten document beginning "Last will and testament..." and signed "Howard R. Hughes" on each page  
*ies at the first page of*
- Qc5 Photocopy of handwritten note beginning "50-3..."
- Qc6 Photocopy of page two of typewritten letter bearing signature "Howard R. Hughes"
- Qc7 Photocopy of Proxy certificate dated 11/14/1970 bearing signature "Howard R. Hughes"  
*70*
- Kc1 Photocopies of application for employment, authorization note, and voluntary statement all bearing writing of MELVIN DUTAR  
*dated 11/27/67,*
- Kc2 Photocopy of Application to Rent bearing writing of [REDACTED]  
*dated 1/15/76, form and Rental Agreement*
- Kc3 Photocopy of two page letter bearing writing of [REDACTED]

*b7C*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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LATENTS

To: Office of the Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-761222051 MS

Re: Purported Will of HOWARD R. HUGHES;  
MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

YOUR NO.

MS  
MS

Examination by:

**LILE**

(See D-761224091)

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference:

~~Letter 12/21/76~~ Personally delivered on 12/21/76 by Chief Investigator Bruce Greenhalgh

Examination requested:

Document - Chemical Analyses - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

12/23/76

Resubmission of Q1 and Q2

- Q8 White envelope bearing handwriting beginning "Dear Mr. McKay..."
- Q9 Sheet of ruled yellow paper bearing handwriting beginning "Last Will..." and signed "Howard R. Hughes" (Original of Q4)
- Q10 Sheet of ruled yellow paper bearing handwriting beginning "third:one..." and signed "Howard R. Hughes" (Original of Q4)
- Q11 Sheet of ruled yellow paper bearing handwriting beginning "ninth:one..." and signed "Howard R. Hughes" (Original of Q4)
- K4 Six-page "Voluntary Statement" bearing the known handwriting of MELVIN E. DUMMAR (Original of portion of K4) dated 1/15/76



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SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT  
WORK REQUEST

Request by [REDACTED] b7C Ext. 4432 Rm. 3238  
 Photographer [REDACTED] Lab. # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Recd. 1/31/77 File # 95-21845  
 Deadline \_\_\_\_\_  
 Items Recd. 4 letters OS - 11

Recd. by  
PLU

REQUEST

photo 1x1 black + white

LATENT  Yes  No

# Prints

WORK PERFORMED

Photographed letters 1 to 1  
ca. 11 x 14 - telephone made  
contact prints of the negatives

Equip.

# Repair

# Conceal

# Negs.

# Prints

# Hours

Items Retd. to - date

Date Completed

Initials

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SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT  
WORK REQUEST

Request by LILE Ext. 4406 Rm. 3141  
Photographer [redacted] b7C Lab. # D-761214091 MS  
Date Recd. 12-22-76 File # 95-211845

Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

Items Recd. Three-page "Howard Hughes" will  
(Q9-11) and envelope (Q8)  
Recd. by b7C

REQUEST

Color object photo (both sides) Q8 → 11.  
B+W shot reverse Q8 to bring up stamp.

LATENT  Yes  No

# Prints \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PERFORMED

Checked for instructions  
from Mr. Tule.  
I. f. matrix sheet  
attached to duplicate  
copies of this req.

Equip. \_\_\_\_\_

# Repair \_\_\_\_\_

# Conceal \_\_\_\_\_

# Negs. \_\_\_\_\_

# Prints 30

# Hours 10

Items Rtd. to - date 12/23/76

Date Completed 12/23/76

Initials b7C

Code \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Color copy shots

Vericolor type L 8x10 film

F. 45 3 seconds

Approp. 75% natural size

Postal stamps

A.R. lum

I.R. lum + black background

U.V. + #35 filter + Contrast process pan

C.P.P. 1-1

C.P.P. 250% + #64 filter

Color prints

133 yellow

103 magenta

F. 16

8 seconds

0 cyan

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12/30/76  
bcm

**LAB FILE**

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: Office of the Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

FBI FILE NO. 95-211045

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-761230025 MS

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;  
MELVIN DUMMAR, HIS SUSPECT;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

YOUR NO.

Examination by: LILL

(See D-761214091)

Examination requested by: Addressee

15 returned to direct [redacted]  
[redacted] 3-1-77 JJ 370

Reference: Letter received 12/29/76

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: 12/29/76

Specimens personally delivered by Mr. Chief Investigator Bruce Greenhalgh on 12/29/76

K1 K5 Nine sheets of ruled yellow paper, each bearing the known writings of HOWARD R. HUGHES, further described as follows:

- First page dated "3/16/63", beginning "Bob - You ask my..."
- Second page beginning "Then, this night lead..."
- Third page beginning "the treasury of a..."
- Fourth page beginning "Bob, I have ~~set~~..." and dated "Stardust 3/17/63..."
- Fifth page beginning "Price: 31,200,000..."
- Sixth page beginning "Bob, several things..." and bearing the notation "received in office 3/25/63"
- Seventh page dated "4/9/63" beginning "Bob - I have information..."
- Eighth page dated "4/23/68," beginning "Bob - I dont think..."
- Ninth page beginning "establish that we..."

*rec'd from [redacted]*

7-87 (Rev. 2-27-74) SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT  
WORK REQUEST

Request by [Redacted] Ext. 640 Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Photographer [Redacted] Lab. # D-76123025  
Date Recd. 1/3/77 File # 95-211545  
Deadline EXEDITE  
Items Recd. KE

Recd. by \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST

1st copy shot - face only

LATENT  Yes  No

# Prints \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PERFORMED

Photographed letters (face only) 1+1  
Made 3 sets of contact prints and  
1 set of prints using the point  
light source

Equip. \_\_\_\_\_

# Repair \_\_\_\_\_

# Conceal \_\_\_\_\_

# Negs. 9

# Prints 36

# Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Items Retd. to - date all

Date Completed 1-1

Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Code \_\_\_\_\_

No. 780-0001

ling evidence office *of the Attorney General*  
*Supreme Court Building*  
*Carson City, Nevada 89710*

Date *12-29-76*

Laboratory #

Detivered by *Mr. Bruce S. ...*  
*Chief Investigator*

Accepted by *SA JAMES E. CILE*

Subject: *Permitted wife of HOWARD R. HUGHES*  
*MELVIN ...*

Victim

Offense *Alleged forgery*

Place and date of offense

Brief Facts covering case

*(See previous letter)* *Document Exam*

*D-761230025*

Prev. exams this case <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Evid. located <i>Room 3101</i>	Report to be directed to <i>(See above)</i>
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Copies to <i>—</i>	Evidence to be returned to <i>addressee</i>
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Date of hearing, grand jury, trial, or reason why expeditious handling is necessary

Evidence *K5* *Nine sheets of ruled white paper, each bearing the known*  
*writings of HOWARD R. HUGHES, just as described as follows:*  
*first page; dated 3/16/63, beginning "Bob - You are my ..."*  
*second page; beginning "Then, this might lead ..."*  
*third page; beginning "The Treasury of a ..."*  
*fourth page; beginning "Bob, I have cont ..." and dated "Standard 3/17/63"*  
*fifth page; beginning "Price: \$1,200,000 -"*  
*sixth page; beginning "Bob, several things -"*  
*and bearing the notation "received in*  
*office 3/26/63"*  
*seventh page; dated "4/2/63, and beginning "Bob -*  
*I have information ..."*  
*eighth page; dated "4/23/63, beginning "Bob -*  
*I don't think ..."*  
*ninth page; beginning "established that we ..."*

*(This space for blocking)*  
*95-211845*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

To: Office of the Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-770107041 PFMJ

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES; YOUR NO.  
MELVIN DUEMAR, SUSPECT;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by:

[Redacted]

b7C

K6 Returned to Invest [Redacted]

[Redacted] 3-1-77. jfj

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 1/3/77

Examination requested: Document

(See D-761214091)

Specimens received: 1/6/77

K6

The State of Nevada: County of Clark document beginning  
"KNOW ALL MEN..." bearing the signature of HOWARD R.  
HUGHES

dated 3/24/67,



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SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT  
WORK REQUEST

Request by [redacted] b7C Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Rm. \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer 1 Lab. # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Recd. 1/10/77 File # \_\_\_\_\_

Items Recd. K6 2 photos Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Recd. by [signature]

REQUEST

see me - [signature]

LATENT

Yes

No

# Prints

WORK PERFORMED

Equip.

# Repair

# Conceal

# Negs.

# Prints

# Hours

Items Retd. to - date

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see [signature]

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WORK REQUEST

Request by [REDACTED] BTC Ext. 4432 Rm. 3238  
 Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Lab. # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Recd. 1/17/77 File # 95 211845  
 Items Recd. 1 letter K8 Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

Recd. by [Signature]

REQUEST

Photograph 1 + 1 front only

LATENT  Yes  No # Prints \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PERFORMED

_____	Equip. _____
_____	# Repair _____
_____	# Conceal _____
_____	# Negs. _____
_____	# Prints _____
_____	# Hours _____

Items Retd. to - date 1/17/77 Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Code \_\_\_\_\_ No. 77-1091



STATE OF NEVADA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

CAPITOL COMPLEX

3 SUPREME COURT BUILDING

4 CARSON CITY 89710

*Nevada*  
January 11, 1977

ROBERT LIST  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

*Unknown Subject*  
b7C [REDACTED]  
HANDWRITING EXAMINATION  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20537

Attention: F.B.I. Laboratory  
Special Attention: Mr. James Lile, Questioned Documents Section

re: Our file No. 205-357

Dear Jim:

Please find enclosed one document beginning: "Bill, enclosed is a M.O. for \$50.00 for the bill I owe...", dated January 20, 1975 and signed, "Melvin E. Dummar".

Also find enclosed a copy of a portion of a transcript taken from Melvin Dummar's deposition, in which he indicates that this note was handwritten by [REDACTED] and signed by himself.

Please use this note to assist you with a handwriting comparison of the documents already submitted to you and the handwriting of [REDACTED]

Again, my thanks for your assistance in this investigation.

Sincerely,

b7C

1 ROBERT LIST, Esq.  
2 Attorney General

KB Piece of paper bearing  
signature of MELVIN E.  
DUMMAR and bearing  
BG:lt  
Enc. writing of [REDACTED]

By *Bruce Greenhalgh*  
Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

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Letter 4/4/77. See 95-211845-12.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

LAB FILE

LATENTS

To: Office of the Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

FBI FILE NO. 93-211345

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-770117099 *PP/MS*

Re: Purported Will of Howard R. Hughes;  
Melvin Dumar - Suspect;  
Alleged Forgery

YOUR NO. #205-357

Examination by: *[Redacted]* *b7C*  
*[Signature]*

Examination requested by: Addressee

*(See D-761214091)*

Reference: Letter <sup>11:</sup> 143/77

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received: 1/17/77

*date 11/14/70 (Original of QCT)*

K9

One-page typewritten proxy and two pages of questions and answers bearing writing of HOWARD R. HUGHES; the two pages of questions and answers also bearing inked fingerprint impressions

*K9 to CFFS 4/14/77  
orig K9 to CFFS 4/14/77*

7-97 (Rev. 2-27-74)

SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT  
WORK REQUEST

Request by [redacted] b7C Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Photographer [redacted] Sub. # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Recd. 1/18/77 File # 95-211845  
 Deadline 1/19/77  
 Items Recd. K9 - 3 doc.

Recd. by

caug

REQUEST

as in p-1 doc - prints only

LATENT

Yes

No

# Prints

WORK PERFORMED

Photographed documents 1 to 1 on  
11x14 Stetapan; made contact  
prints of the negatives.

Equip.

# Repair

# Conceal

# Negs.

5

# Prints

15

# Hours

3

Items Retd. to - date

all

Date Completed

1-21-77

Initials

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Code \_\_\_\_\_

No. 770-0097

Received from [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup> FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C.  
the following documents:

(1) Signed proxy from Howard R. Hughes  
for the Sands, Inc., dated 11/14/70.

(2) Two pages consisting of twelve typewritten  
questions and handwritten answers signed on each page by  
Howard R. Hughes. Each page bears inked fingerprint impressions.

*Spidal Shinnick*  
*Jan. 21, 77*

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1/12/77 See 95-211845-14

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DALE  
GILROY

January 10, 1977

NEW YORK OFFICE  
ONE STATE STREET PLAZA  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10004  
(212) 429-0500

MESSEURS. DAVIS AND COX  
NOT ADMITTED IN CALIF.

Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator  
Office of the Attorney General  
Capitol Complex  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Mr. Greenhalgh:

Pursuant to my telephone conversation this afternoon with Attorney General List, there are transmitted herewith the following original documents:

1) One-page "proxy" containing the original signature of Howard R. Hughes, dated November 14, 1970, witnessed by Levar B. Myler and notarized by Howard L. Eckersley. (This document is stamped and was utilized as defendant's Exhibit Q in the December 1970 court proceedings before Judge Howard Babcock.)

2) Two-page document consisting of 12 typewritten questions and handwritten answers thereto together with signatures and fingerprints of Howard R. Hughes. This document was prepared by Mr. Hughes during the middle part of January 1972. It was personally witnessed by Mr. Myler.

It is our understanding that both of the enclosed documents are needed by your office in connection with official matters and that they will also be the subject of superficial inspection by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory for purposes of handwriting and possibly fingerprint analysis. It is our further understanding that neither document will be subjected to any test which may affect or impair the document or its content in any way, and that both documents will be returned to us as soon as the State's requirements are satisfied.

Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
January 10, 1977  
Page Two

Moreover, the second document, which is currently an exhibit in pending federal court proceedings in Salt Lake City, must be back in our possession in advance of the resumption of court proceedings which are now scheduled for the morning of Monday, January 24. I would appreciate your telephoning me at the above office this week or at my New York office thereafter so that we may arrange appropriate logistics for a timely return, at least as to the second document.

At the request of Mr. List, I am also attempting to obtain the release of the original 3-page "Dear Chester and Bill" letter which was originally used as an exhibit in the proceedings before Judge Babcock and which is currently an exhibit held by the U.S. District Court at Los Angeles in connection with litigation between Summa Corporation and Robert A. Maheu. Apparently, counsel for Mr. Maheu is unwilling to agree to the release of that document except pursuant to terms and formalities which will inevitably delay its release. As I have informed Mr. List, our handwriting expert, Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt, who was formerly with the FBI Laboratory until his retirement in 1975, has personally photographed the original document, and if it would be of any assistance, I would be happy to arrange for Mr. Shaneyfelt to provide a photographic copy for interim use.

I would appreciate your signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter to acknowledge both your receipt of the enclosed items and your confirmation of the conditions and restrictions contained therein.

Sincerely



b7C

HMJ:mks  
Encs

cc: Hon. Robert List

REGISTERED MAIL,  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Las Vegas (46-603)

Re: MELVIN DUNBAR, aka;  
UNSUBS, aka;  
ESTATE OF HOWARD R. HUGHES,  
ESTATE DECEASED;  
FAG-CONSPIRACY

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

LAB. NO. D-770118050 *BR*  
*RLS*

YOUR NO.

OO: Las Vegas

Examination by:  b7C  
*LILE*

UNSUBS;  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA;  
FRAUD

*see other file*

*K10 returned to LV, 2/24/77.*  
*df*

Examination requested by: Las Vegas

Reference: Airtel 1/13/77

*(See D-761214091)*

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: 1/17/77

K10 Sixty-four sheets of paper bearing writings of HOWARD R. HUGHES

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SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT  
WORK REQUEST

Request by [REDACTED] Ext. BTC Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Lab. # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Recd. 1/12/77 File # 95-E11215  
 Items Recd. K10 64 Deadline Legal eye paper evidence by 1/24/77

Recd. by  
car

REQUEST

photo as is face only

LATENT

Yes

No

# Prints

WORK PERFORMED

Photographed 2 pages on one 8" x 10 film.  
enlarged to 1 to 1 on 16 x 20 RC  
paper.

Equip.

# Repair

# Contact

# Negs.

32

# Prints

32

# Hours

11

Items Retd. to - date

all

Date Completed

1-25-77

Initials

KA

Code \_\_\_\_\_

No.

70-6102

1/13/77

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY  
FILE NUMBER 95-211845)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (46-603) (P)

SUBJECT: MELVIN DUMMAR, aka;  
UNSUBS, aka;  
ESTATE OF HOWARD R. HUGHES,  
ESTATE DECEASED;  
FAG-CONSPIRACY  
OO: LAS VEGAS

UNSUBS;  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA  
FRAUD

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Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory are <sup>64</sup>~~63~~ yellow legal pages of handwriting of the late HOWARD R. HUGHES.

<sup>64</sup>~~63~~ The USA, Las Vegas, provided the enclosed pages of handwriting of HOWARD R. HUGHES and advised that perhaps they should be forwarded to the FBI Laboratory in view of the fact that some examination is being made of the so called "Mormon Will" by the Laboratory. The USA stated that the enclosed handwriting has been authenticated by HOWARD HUGHES during his life time when a trial was held regarding the Air West Stock Case.

It is unknown to the Las Vegas Office the specific investigation being conducted by the Laboratory for the Attorney General in Carson City and this material is being forwarded for whatever information the Laboratory can make of the handwriting.

At the conclusion of examination, the handwriting exemplars should be returned to the Las Vegas Office.

② - Bureau (Enc. 63)  
1 - Las Vegas.  
JRK:arw  
(3)

K10 Sixty-four sheets of paper bearing writing of Howard R. Hughes

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

To: Office of the Attorney General  
Carson City, Nevada

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

LAB. NO. D-770121045 PF NS

YOUR NO. (See D-76121409)

Re: MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;  
PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD...  
HUGHES -- VICTIM;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by: [REDACTED]

*ELC b7C*

*K11 Returned to Invest.  
3-1-77. JBJ*

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Evidence personally delivered by Bruce Greenhalgh

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: Specimens personally delivered on 1/21/77 by *Chief Investigator*  
Bruce Greenhalgh:

K11 Three page handwritten letter on yellow legal sized paper, beginning on first page "Dear Chester and Bill -...", and ending on third page "Howard R. Hughes"

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SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT  
WORK REQUEST

Request by [REDACTED] Ext. B7C Rm. \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer [REDACTED] Lab. # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Recd. 1/21/77 File # 95-211245

Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

Items Recd. 2 documents (K11)

Recd. by

[Signature]

REQUEST

as is prints

LATENT  Yes  No

# Prints

WORK PERFORMED

Photographed documents 1st 1  
on 1/14/77. Made contact  
prints of the negatives.

Equip.

# Repair

# Conceal

# Negs.

# Prints

9

# Hours

1

Items Recd. to - date

[Signature]

Date Completed

1-24-77

Initials

[Signature]

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945  
P 1/20/77

Received from Mr. Bruce  
Greenhalgh a three page  
handwritten letter on yellow  
legal paper, beginning on first  
page "Dear Clutter and Bill..."  
and signed on third page  
"Howard R. Hughes"

[REDACTED] b7C

FBI Laboratory  
Washington, DC.



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1/20/77

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Laboratory Work Sheet

To: Robert List, Esq.  
Attorney General  
300 South Fourth Street, Suite 811  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: [REDACTED] b7C

LAB. NO. D-770224029 MS

Re: Investigator

YOUR NO.

PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;  
MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by:

(See D-761214091)

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 2/17/77

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received:

K12 Sheet of yellow ruled paper bearing the known  
handwriting of [REDACTED] b7C

Photo'd  
2/24/77

STATE OF NEVADA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
300 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
89101

ROBERT LIST  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

LYLE RIVERA  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 17, 1977

*Supposed will of Howard K. Hughes;  
Melvin Summer - Suspect;  
alleged forgery*

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Special Attention: J. Edgar Hoover  
Quality Control

Dear Mr. Lyle:

Please find enclosed [redacted] b7C

Please use these to assist in your handwriting  
comparison for the [redacted]

WRH/gv  
Enclosures

K12 Sheet of yellow ruled paper bearing  
the known handwriting of  
[redacted] b7C

(Best Copy Available - See 95-211845-23.)

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2/24/77  
rlc\*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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2/22/77

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: Robert List, Esq.  
Attorney General  
300 South Fourth Street, Suite 811  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

FBI FILE NO. 95-211645

LAB. NO. D-770224029 MS

Attention: [REDACTED]  
Re: Investigator

YOUR NO.

PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;  
MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by:

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 2/17/77

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received:

K12 Sheet of yellow ruled paper bearing the known  
handwriting of [REDACTED]

b7C

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3/11/77*

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12/17/76  
fdb

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

*FILE*  
~~LAB FILE~~ *b7c*  
12/14/76

To: Office of the Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-761214091 *REMS*

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;  
MELVIN DUNBAR - SUSPECT;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

YOUR NO. 205-357

Examination by:

Examination requested by: Addressee  
Reference: Letter 12/8/76  
Examination requested: Document  
Specimens received: 12/14/76

*Retained*  
*3/14/77*  
*[Signature]*

- Qc1 Photocopy of Q1
- Qc2 Photocopy of Q2
- Qc3 Photocopy of handwritten note beginning "Dear Mr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mc Kay..."
- Qc4 Photocopies of a three page handwritten document  
beginning "Last will and testament..." and signed  
"Howard R. Hughes" on each page
- Qc5 Photocopy of handwritten note beginning "50-3..."
- Qc6 Photocopy of page two of typewritten letter bearing  
signature "Howard R. Hughes"
- Qc7 Photocopy of proxy certificate dated 11/14/1970 bearing  
signature "Howard R. Hughes"
- Kc1 Photocopies of application for employment, authorization  
note, and voluntary statement all bearing writing of  
MELVIN DUTTAR
- Kc2 Photocopy of "Application to Rent" bearing writing of  
[REDACTED]
- Kc3 Photocopy of two page letter bearing writing of  
[REDACTED]

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Laboratory Work Sheet

To: Robert List, Esq,  
Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-770117001 PF

Re:

YOUR NO. File 205-357

~~UNKNOWN SUBJECT -~~

~~HANDWRITING EXAMINATION~~

*Suspected Will of Howard P. Hughes;  
Marilyn S. S. - Suspect;  
Alvin Karpis*

Examination by: [redacted] b7C

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 1-11-77

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: 1-17-77

K8

Piece of paper bearing signature of MELVIN E. DUMMAR  
and bearing writing of [redacted] b7C

*Returned  
3/14/77*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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ljs

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To: Office of the Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

Re: Purported Will of Howard R. Hughes;  
Helvin Dinnar - Suspect;  
Alleged Forgery

FBI FILE NO. 95-211345  
LAB. NO. D-770117003 PF  
YOUR NO. #205-357

Examination by: [redacted] b7C

Examination requested by: Addressee  
Reference: Letter <sup>1/13</sup> 1/13/77  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Specimens received: 1/17/77

K9 One-page typewritten proxy and two pages of Q & A questions and answers bearing writing of HOWARD R. HUGHES; the two pages of questions and answers also bearing inked fingerprint impressions

Lab will process and return  
the evidence to [redacted] [redacted] b7C

Evidence returned  
to Gerald Stoney  
1/24/77  
[Signature]

Outgoing 1/24/77  
[Signature]



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1/18/77  
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Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Las Vegas (46-603)

MELVIN DUMMAR, aka;  
UNSUBS, aka;  
ESTATE OF HOWARD R. HUGHES,  
ESTATE DECEASED;  
Re: FAG-CONSPIRACY

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845  
LAB. NO. D-770118050 P7  
YOUR NO.

OO: Las Vegas

Examination by:  b7C

UNSUBS;  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA;  
FRAUD

Examination requested by: Las Vegas  
Reference: Airtel 1/13/77  
Examination requested: Document  
Specimens received: 1/17/77

*Returned to FOJ JV, 2/24/77.  
jg*

K10 Sixty-four sheets of paper bearing writing of HOWARD R. HUGHES

7-97 (Rev. 2-27-74)

SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT  
WORK REQUEST

Request by LILE Ext. 4406 Rm. 3161

Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Lab. # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Recd. \_\_\_\_\_ File # 95-211845

Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

Items Recd. \_\_\_\_\_

Recd. by

REQUEST

One on Eye - Fronts only, both

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LATENT

Yes

No

# Prints

WORK PERFORMED

Equip.

# Repair

# Conceal

# Negs.

# Prints

# Hours

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Date Completed

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To: Office of the Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-761230025 MS

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;  
MELVIN DUNBAR, ~~MR~~ SUSPECT;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

YOUR NO.

Examination by: LILE

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter received 12/29/76


Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: 12/29/76

Specimens personally delivered by Mrx Chief Investigator Bruce Greenhalgh on 12/29/76

~~K1~~ K5 Nine sheets of ruled yellow paper, each bearing the known writings of HOWARD R. HUGHES, further described as follows:

First page; dated "3/16/68", beginning "Bob - You ask my..."  
Second page; beginning "Then, & this might lead..."  
Third page; beginning "the treaty of a..."  
Fourth page; beginning "Bob, I have not..." and dated "Sterdust 3/17/68"  
Fifth page; beginning "Price: 31,200,000..."  
Sixth page; beginning "Bob, several things..."  
and bearing the notation "received in office 3/25/68"  
Seventh page; dated "4/9/68"; beginning "Bob- I have information..."  
Eighth page; dated "4/23/68," beginning "Bob-I dont think..."  
Ninth page; beginning "establish that we..."

Returned to 

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1/10/77  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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To: Office of the Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

LAB. NO. D-770107041 PF

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES; YOUR NO.  
MELVIN DULMAR, SUSPECT;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by: [redacted] b7C

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 1/3/77

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: 1/6/77

K6 The State of Nevada: County of Clark document beginning  
"KNOW ALL MEN..." bearing the signature of HOWARD R.  
HUGHES

Returned to [redacted] b7C  
3/1/77

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Office of the Attorney General  
Capitol Complex  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;  
MELVIN DUNMAR - SUSPECT;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845  
LAB. NO. D-770111040 MS  
YOUR NO. 205-357  
Examination by: LILE

Examination requested by: Addressee  
Reference: Letter 1/4/77  
Examination requested: Document  
Specimens received: 1/10/77

K7 Three-page typewritten agreement, the third page bearing  
the signature of HOWARD R. HUGHES

*Returned to [redacted] 3/1/77 [signature] b7c*

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1/11/77  
bcm

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-770111040 MS

Re:

YOUR NO. 205-357

PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;  
MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by: LILE

*K7 Returned to Invest.*

Examination requested by: Addressee

*3-1-77. gjj*

*b7C*

Reference: Letter 1/4/77

Examination requested: Document

*(Sec D-761214091)*


Specimens received: 1/10/77


K7 Three-page typewritten agreement, <sup>*dated 5/31/68*</sup> the third page bearing  
the signature of HOWARD R. HUGHES

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SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT  
WORK REQUEST

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Request by  Ext. b7C Rm. \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer  Lab. # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Recd. 1/12/77 File # 95-211845

Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

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To: Robert List, Esq.,  
Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-770117001 PFM.S

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT -  
[REDACTED] b7C

YOUR NO. File 205-357

HANDWRITING EXAMINATION

Examination by: [REDACTED] b7C

*Supported Will of Howard R. Hughes;  
Melvin Dummar - Suspect;  
Alleged Forgery*

Examination requested by: Addressee

(See D-761214091)

Reference: Letter 1-11-77

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: 1-17-77  
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*Handwritten note dated 6/20/75*  
*contains*  
Piece of paper bearing signature of MELVIN E. DUMMAR  
and bearing writing of [REDACTED] b7C

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To: Office of the Attorney General  
Carson City, Nevada

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

LAB. NO. D-770121045 PF

YOUR NO.

Re: MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;  
PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R.  
HUGHES - VICTIM;  
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by: [REDACTED]

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Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Evidence personally delivered by Bruce Greenhalah

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: Specimens personally delivered on 1/21/77 by  
Bruce Greenhalah:

K11 Three page handwritten letter on yellow legal  
sized paper, beginning on first page "Dear Chester  
and Bill -...," and ending on third page  
"Howard R. Hughes"

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① - Mr. Lile

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 27, 1976

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 95-211845

To: Office of the Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building  
Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

RE: Purported Will of Howard  
R. Hughes; Melvin Dummar -  
Suspect ; Alleged Forgery

From: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

The FBI Laboratory has received the evidence which you sent for examination in connection with the above-entitled case. A Laboratory report will be sent to you after the examination has been completed.

If any developments occur in this case such as dismissal of charges or guilty pleas which would eliminate the necessity for conducting the requested examinations, please advise the FBI Laboratory immediately.

Enclosed for your possible assistance are sixteen color photographs, representing two photographs each of both sides of the envelope and three-page handwritten will which were delivered to this Laboratory by Mr. Greenhalgh on 12/21/76.

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Director, F. B. I.  
October 15, 1976  
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It would be greatly appreciated if the processed documents might be preserved in such a manner as to facilitate later handwriting comparisons which might be requested by this office.

// I would appreciate as expeditious a handling as possible, due to court hearings that are very near. //

Sincerely,

  
Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

BG:lt  
Encls.

Q1 - Envelope bearing the handwritten address "President  
Spencer W. Kimball Church of Jesus Christ Salt Lake  
City, Utah"

Q2 - accompanying slip of paper bearing the handwritten message  
beginning "this was found..."

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To: Office of the Attorney General  
Supreme Court Building  
Carson City 89710

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh  
Chief Investigator

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845  
LAB. NO. D-761019115 PD  
YOUR NO. 205-357

Re: MELVIN F. DUMMAR AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SUSPECTS;  
HANDWRITING EXAMINATION

Examination by: [REDACTED] b7C

Examination requested by:

Addressee

Reference:

Letter 10/15/76

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

10/19/76

*Q1 & Q2 with Cert. by  
LFPS w/ report dated  
11/9/76 R.F.*

Received by LFPS  
[REDACTED] -9  
[Signature]

"Evidence to be  
returned by LFP"

*[Signature]*  
10-21-76

- Q1 Envelope bearing the handwritten address "President Spencer W Kimball Church of Jesus Christ Salt Lake City, Utah"
- Q2 Accompanying slip of paper bearing the handwritten message beginning "This was found..."



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**FILE DESCRIPTION**

**SUBJECT** Howard Robard Hughes

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**FILE NO.** 95-21845-84 Bulky

# Memorandum



To : Assistant Director *RPZ file*  
Records Management Division

Date 3/6/81

From : Assistant Director  
Laboratory Division

Subject : *my* Estate of Howard Hughes  
Howard R. Hughes

*RPZ*

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*(Handwritten initials)*

There is enclosed the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above-captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure to the main file in the Records Services Section.

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# Support for 'Dear Chester and Bill'

A Nevada court accepted the letter at right as the crucial evidence that Hughes wanted Maheu replaced. Written in early December, and slightly abridged here, it is addressed to Hughes's attorney, Chester Davis, and to Frank W. ("Bill") Gay, senior vice president of Hughes Tool Company, the parent corporation of the Hughes empire. In it Hughes affirms his board of directors' decision "to terminate all relationship with Maheu" and his security chief, Jack Hooper. But Maheu subsequently filed a \$50 million counterclaim contending that he had a verbal contract for life. Rather than appear in person to deny it, Hughes may choose to settle out of court.



Dear Chester and Bill -

I do not understand why the problem of Maheu is not yet fully settled and why this bad publicity seems to continue. It could hurt our company's valuable properties in Nevada and also the entire state.

You told me that, if I called Governor Laxalt and District Attorney George Franklin, it would put an end to this problem.

I made those calls, but I do not understand why this very damaging publicity should continue merely because the property constituted board of directors of Hughes Tool Company decided, for reasons that I considered best to terminate all

Handwritten notes on the right margin, including the words "Maheu", "settled", "bad publicity", "Nevada", "entire state", "Laxalt", "Franklin", "property", "board of directors", "Hughes Tool Company", "decided", "reasons", "terminate".

city chief Jack Hoover. Mr. Mahon subsequently filed a \$50 million counterclaim contending that he had a verbal contract for life. Rather than appear in person to deny it, Hughes may choose to settle out of court.



CHESTER DAVIS



BILL GAY

I made these calls, and I do not understand why this very damaging publicity should continue merely because the property constituted board of directors of Hughes Tool Company decided, for reasons that considered just, to terminate all relationship with Mahon and Hooper.

I asked you to take whatever action is necessary to accomplish the objects briefly outlined above.

I ask you now please to inform the members of the board of Hughes Tool Company of my desires and feelings in respect to this matter.

It is not my wish to try to tell the board what action should be taken. That is their job. But it seems there has been some uncertainty as to where I stand, and I want this cleared up at once.

I do not support Truman or Hoover in their defiance of the Hughes Tool Company Board of Directors, and I deeply desire all concerned to be fully aware of this immediately.

I ask you to do everything in your power to put an end to these problems, and further I ask you to obtain immediately a full accounting of any

## The hand of a man 'going his own way'

Without identifying the writer, LFT asked Alfred Kanfer, one of the country's foremost specialists in scientific handwriting analysis, to study portions of the letter at left and other samples of Hughes's writing. Mr. Kanfer's comments follow:

Here is an intellect of quite a peculiar nature. The writing shows not one superfluous stroke. The writer is capable of developing original ideas, he has an imaginative mind which works fast and is capable of swift changes and improvisation.

He keeps a very small, highly uniform margin throughout, indicating that he is not concerned with form and formalities, at least not beyond a certain minimum point of order and decency. He is anxious not to waste any time or effort on anything he does not think is essential for his main interests. As he runs from one end to the other of a long sheet of paper, so he may be running through his life, his work. He may perhaps be driven, rather than be running on his own.

The paper is densely filled with writing, yet there are broad spaces between words.

unaware of this minor detail.

I ask you to do every-  
thing in your power to  
put an end to these prob-  
lems, and further I ask  
you to obtain immediately  
a full accounting of any

and all funds and/or  
property to which Mr.  
Mushen may have had  
access.

As I have said, this  
matter has caused me  
the very gravest concern,  
and is damaging my  
company and all the loyal  
men and women associated  
with me in the very  
deepest and far-reaching  
ways.

With genuine regards,

Edward R. Dushan

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ning through his life, his work. He may per-  
haps be driven, rather than be running on  
his own.

The paper is densely filled with writing,  
yet there are broad spaces between words.  
Here is a lively personality, a lively mind,  
deeply involved in plans and in ideas. Per-  
haps also in ideals. Yet he is not involved  
with people. He thinks his own thoughts,  
goes his own way, does not believe in any-  
one, does not communicate his inner fears  
and feelings. With all the activity and in-  
volvement, this might be a lonely man.

It is hard to determine what his driving  
motives are. Not honors and recognition,  
nor the desire for possessions, although  
there is a sound materialism here and an  
ability to enjoy life in an earthy way. It is  
more the need to act, to move in a free and  
grand manner, to work, to organize. He has  
the ability to use clear, sharp logic in order  
to manage people. He will use diplomatic  
skill to cajole them, can display cutting  
barbs and, when his patience runs short, he  
may also resort to primitive vulgarity.

Hidden in this personality are some spots  
of sentimentality, warmth and perhaps  
weakness. One could think that from his  
drives, resistance may mount around him.  
His physical and mental strength may al-  
ready have been overstrained.

## Letters from the invisible billionaire

# With sincere regards

Howard Hughes hardly ever sees any of his own associates face-to-face. Characteristically he deals with them and with his problems by taking a lined yellow pad and writing letters about whatever happens to be on his mind. Over the years, ex-FBI agent Robert Maheu (right) received quite a number of these communications on a wide variety of subjects. Maheu was the \$500,000-a-year manager of Hughes's \$300 million hotel and casino operation in Las Vegas. Then, late last year, Hughes decided to get rid of Maheu. He didn't fire Maheu personally (in fact, the two never met). He had the job done by subordinates in his \$2 billion aviation, real estate, electronics and tool-making

empire. Maheu went to court, claiming that Hughes had not meant him to be fired. Two other Hughes associates, Chester Davis and Bill Gay, then produced a letter, signed by Hughes's name (p. 26), which showed that he had fired Maheu. Experts were retained: Maheu's said the letter was forged; Davis and Gay's said it was real. The court chose to believe the latter and Maheu was out of a job. Hughes, meanwhile, had camped with pad and pen to a new retreat in the desert (below), leaving behind a trail of letters (only one of which is legally able to publish in full). Taken together, they cast a new and revealing light on this most elusive, light-

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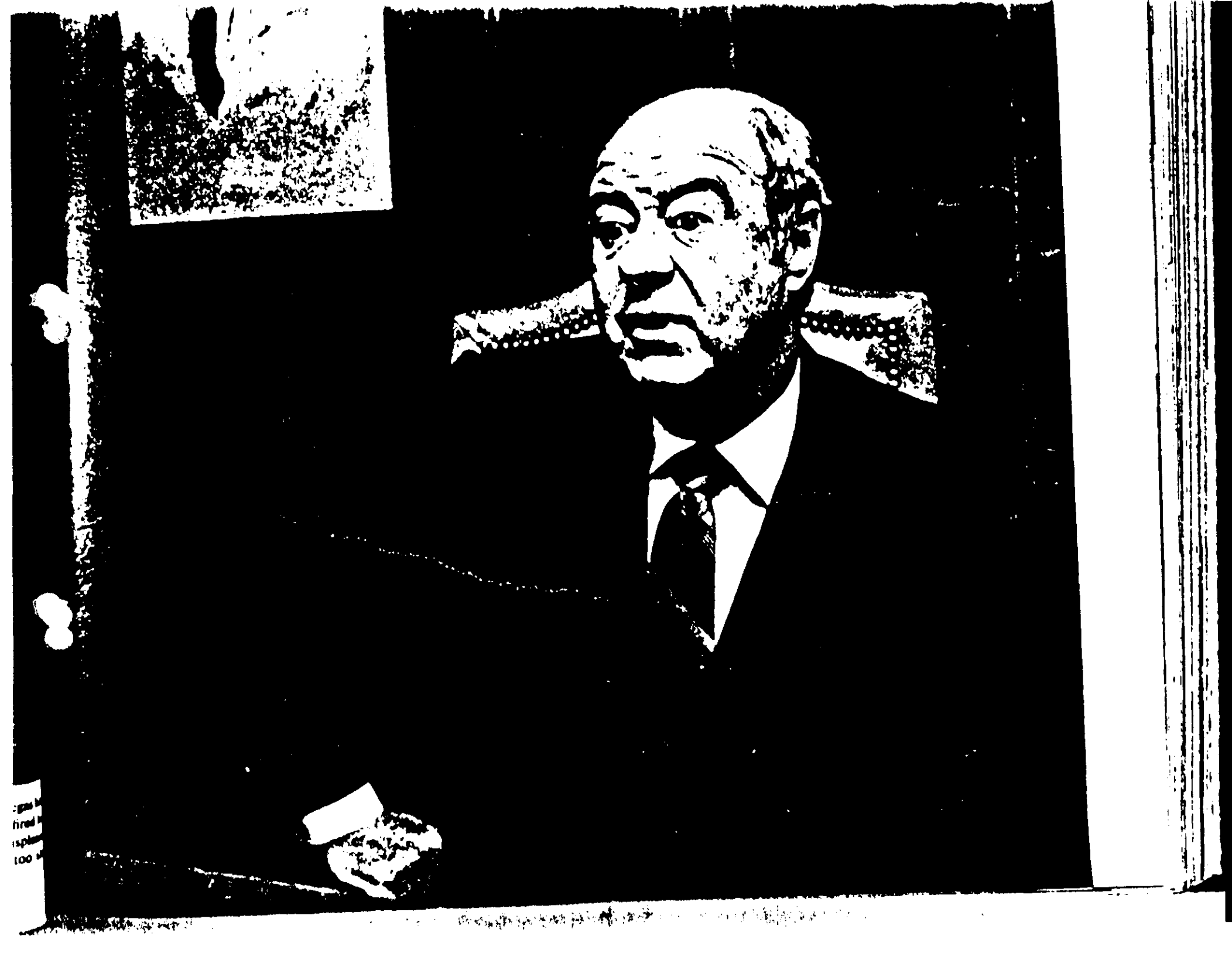


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# Howard Hughes





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Hughes's hideaway is a ninth-floor suite in the Britannia Beach Hotel on Paradise Island in the Bahamas. There a guard armed with a comic book keeps the curious at bay. At right, Robert Ma-

heu, former manager of Hughes's Las Vegas, retains a portrait of the man who fired him. Maheu apparently incurred Hughes's displeasure by living too well, producing profits too

7-97 (Rev. 2-27-74) SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT  
WORK REQUEST

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Photographer T. U. Lab. # \_\_\_\_\_  
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Deadline EXPEDITE  
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REQUEST

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ENVELOPE - BE CAREFULL TO HAVE

LATENT  Yes  No NO SHADOWS # Prints \_\_\_\_\_  
see me if there are any questions

WORK PERFORMED

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Ektapress - Copy Camera

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